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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference your 3 February 1961 letter and our letter of 3 March 1961 on the subject of acquiring precise radar data on Soviet missiles during re-entry.

After study of the Lincoln Laboratory technical evaluation of the problem and other factors, the following information is forwarded:

a. The current proposed airborne radar system (Melpar) is deemed technically inadequate to accomplish the stated intelligence requirements. Also, there are no R&D requirements justifying the development of this system. Therefore, no airborne radar development will be undertaken at this time; however, we will continue to solicit other proposals against this important intelligence requirement.

b. Evaluation of shipboard radar proposals indicated that the most effective approach from the standpoint of timeliness, economy, and state-of-the-art is the Atlantic Missile Range MARS ship configuration. It was further decided that these ships could best be tested against our own targets in the Atlantic Missile Range before final judgement is made regarding the ability of shipboard radar to meet intelligence requirements.

Appropriate CIA personnel will be kept informed on a timely basis. The office of contact for this project is the Assistant Director (Special Projects), DDR&E.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Brown
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Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Chairman
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:
General Cabell:

I have already sent a copy of the attached letter to Bob Amory for appropriate action, pointing out to him that the attached letter from Harold Brown is in response to a USIB request that certain developmental activity be initiated toward the early procurement of an airborne radar facility and that, therefore, I assumed he would want to put this on the agenda to advise the USIB that the development of this facility is now being dropped.

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